Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portioning device for portioning a bulk material, the portioning device comprising:

a forming space adapted to be filled by a mass of the bulk material, the forming space bounded by a wall for forming the mass, the forming space having first and second sections, the wall including a slit between the first and second sections of the forming space and an output opening, the second section disposed between the slit and the output opening, and the wall bounding the first and second sections having a unitary construction;

a cutting device for portioning the mass filled into the forming space into a plurality of mass portions, the cutting device having a cutter that is at least partially introducible through the slit into the forming space and a motor coupled with the cutter of the cutting device, the motor configured to spin the cutter about an axis of rotation so that at least a portion of the cutter rotates during each full rotation about the axis of rotation from a location outside of the wall through the slit into the forming space, across the forming space, and through the slit out of the forming space to the location outside of the wall, and each of the plurality of mass portions being output as an end product from the forming space through the output opening;

wherein the slit extends far enough through the wall so that the cutter can cut completely through a cross section of the forming space as the cutter moves across the forming space, and the forming space has a geometry matched to the form of the end product.

2. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 wherein the cutting device is introducible into the forming space in a direction that lies approximately perpendicular to the direction in which the mass is filled into the forming space.

3. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 wherein the forming space has a filling opening through which the mass can be filled into the forming space.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 4 wherein the forming space is defined inside a tube through which the mass is axially transportable.

6-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 wherein the cutter is introducible into the forming space at a place such that each of the plurality of mass portions formed, when the cutter is introduced, is supported by at least part of the wall.

9. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 wherein the slit is spaced at a distance from an output opening of the forming space such that a section of the forming space corresponds at least approximately to the size of each of the plurality of mass portions.

10. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 wherein the wall is substantially cylindrical and the slit almost completely penetrates the wall.

11. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 wherein the cutter is a two-bladed, rotatable cutting knife.

12. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 further comprising:

means for fastening the cutting device as an attachment to a device for transporting and/or mincing bulk material.

13. (Currently Amended) A device for transporting and/or mincing bulk material, the device comprising:

a forming space adapted to be filled by a mass of the bulk material, the forming space bounded by a wall for forming the mass, the forming space having first and second sections, the wall including a slit between the first and second sections of the forming space and an output opening, the forming space having a geometry matched to the form of an end product, the second

section disposed between the slit and the output opening, and the wall bounding the first and second sections having a unitary construction; and

a cutting device for portioning the mass filled into the forming space into a plurality of mass portions, the cutting device having a cutter that can be introduced through the slit at least partially into the forming space and a motor coupled with the cutter of the cutting device, the motor configured to spin the cutter about an axis of rotation so that at least a portion of the cutter rotates during each full rotation about the axis of rotation from a location outside of the wall through the slit into the forming space, across the forming space, and through the slit out of the forming space to the location outside of the wall, and each of the plurality of mass portions being output as the end product from the forming space through the output opening,

wherein the slit extends far enough through the wall so that the cutter can cut completely through the cross section of the forming space as the cutter moves across the forming space.

14. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 13 further comprising:

a smoothing belt that can receive the plurality of mass portions, the smoothing belt cooperating with at least one shaping surface to aftershape each of the plurality of mass portions.

15. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 13 further comprising:

means for transporting the mass, the means of transport being discontinuously operable, and the timing of the discontinuous operation cooperating with the introductory motion of the cutter into the forming space for portioning the mass into the plurality of mass portions.

16. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 wherein the geometry has a cross-section that is substantially rotationally symmetrical.

17. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 wherein the geometry has a cross-section that is oval.

18. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 13 wherein the geometry has a cross-section that is substantially rotationally symmetrical.

19. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 13 wherein the geometry has a cross-section that is oval.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The portioning device of claim 1 wherein the second section of the forming space has a slightly larger diameter than the first section.

22. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 13 wherein the second section of the forming space has a slightly larger diameter than the first section.

23. (New) The portioning device of claim 11 wherein the cutting knife includes first and second blades arranged about the axis of rotation such that the motor moves, during each full rotation, each of the first and second cutting blades about the axis of rotation through the slit into the forming space, across the forming space, and through the slit out of the forming space.

24. (New) The portioning device of claim 11 wherein the cutter includes first and second blades arranged about the axis of rotation such that the motor moves, during each full rotation, each of the first and second cutting blades about the axis of rotation through the slit into the forming space, across the forming space, and through the slit out of the forming space.